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HOUSE BILL 177

Short Title: School Calendar Flexibility/Certain LEAs. (Local)

Sponsors: Representative Steinburg (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Education - K-12.

March 10, 2015

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY TO CERTAIN LOCAL BOARDS OF
3 EDUCATION IN ADOPTING THE SCHOOL CALENDAR.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-84.2(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) Opening and Closing Dates. – Local boards of education shall determine the dates
7 of opening and closing the public schools under subdivision (a)(1) of this section. ~~Except for~~
8 ~~year round schools, the opening date for students shall be no earlier than the Monday closest to~~
9 ~~August 26, and the closing date for students shall be no later than the Friday closest to June 11.~~
10 ~~On a showing of good cause, the State Board of Education may waive the requirement that the~~
11 ~~opening date for students be no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26 and may allow the~~
12 ~~local board of education to set an opening date no earlier than the Monday closest to August 19,~~
13 ~~to the extent that school calendars are able to provide sufficient days to accommodate~~
14 ~~anticipated makeup days due to school closings. A local board may revise the scheduled~~
15 ~~closing date if necessary in order to comply with the minimum requirements for instructional~~
16 ~~days or instructional time. For purposes of this subsection, the term "good cause" means that~~
17 ~~schools in any local school administrative unit in a county have been closed eight days per year~~
18 ~~during any four of the last 10 years because of severe weather conditions, energy shortages,~~
19 ~~power failures, or other emergency situations.~~

20 ~~The required opening and closing dates under this subsection shall not apply to any school~~
21 ~~that a local board designated as having a modified calendar for the 2003-2004 school year or to~~
22 ~~any school that was part of a planned program in the 2003-2004 school year for a system of~~
23 ~~modified calendar schools, so long as the school operates under a modified calendar.~~
24 For days on which a student is absent from school prior to September 1 due to a family vacation, the
25 student shall receive an excused absence and be given the opportunity to make up any tests or
26 other work missed."

27 **SECTION 2.** This act applies only to the Camden County, Currituck County,
28 Edenton-Chowan, Elizabeth City-Pasquotank, Perquimans County, and Tyrrell County school
29 administrative units.

30 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies beginning with
31 the 2015-2016 school year.

